



Water Supply Availability

Status:

In Progress

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Purpose:

The Corps of Engineers currently has about 9.9 million acre-feet of storage space in 134 multi-purpose projects across the nation for municipal and industrial (M&I) water supply. Of this 9.9 million acre-feet some 2.1 million is under a future use contract and another 0.8 million has been reserved based on assurances that use will be made. In the Corps of Engineers Strategic Plan, one of the water supply performance measures is to get all M&I storage under a present use contract. By memorandum dated 15 March 2005 the Chief of Programs Management Division in HQUSACE implemented a four-phase water supply availability initiative to investigate this 2.9 million acre-feet of M&I water supply storage space in existing Corps reservoirs that is not being repaid. The four phases consist of (1) affirm the current data on local sponsors and storage space and describe what the space is currently being used and the value of that use; (2) confirm the cost of the space; (3) after HQUSACE confirms the storage space cost, contact the local sponsors and determine their plans for the use of the storage and if they have no plans for use in the foreseeable future, determine their willingness to give up their right to the storage; and (4) for those entities willing to give up their right, provide information on the available storage, yield and cost to governors, state agencies, local government entities and other potential buyers to determine if the storage can be placed under a present use contract. Data on phases one and two are being collected.

Objective:

Benefits:

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